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**AA315X/KL**

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**PCT/US99/11428**

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TITLE OF INVENTION  
**Disposable Absorbant Article**

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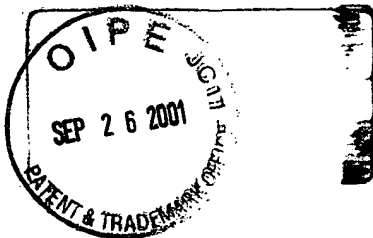
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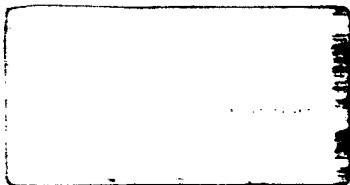
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